

Clues Continued...

Between corner drainpipe and silo foundation, see
A flat rock under which your treasure will be.
Make an ink stamp and sign the quest logbook.
Finished? Put back everything back in its nook.
We sincerely hope that you enjoyed our quest.
You made it to the Top O' the World—we're impressed!

Head back to the Adam Run Trail sign and regroup.
Follow the markers with the trail symbol to complete the loop.

What did you count? How many types did you see?
What are your impressions of this park's biodiversity?



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How to Quest

Quest clues and maps—created by teachers, volunteers, and/or park staff—will help you discover the natural and cultural gems of the Ohio & Erie Canalway. At the end of each quest is a hidden treasure box. Sign your name in the logbook, stamp this page, and return the box to its hiding place.

STAMP HERE

**The questing season runs from
April 15 through November 15.**

Notice a problem or have suggestions for improving this quest? Contact Dave Gates at 330-865-8065 ext. 306 or dgates@summitmetroparks.org.

About This Program

I'm Arrye Rosser, interpretive and education specialist at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. I'd like to thank everyone who helped fulfill my dream of bringing questing to Ohio. This project was made possible by the generous support of a 2010 Parks as Classrooms grant from the National Park Service and is a partnership between many organizations.

So far, more than 70 teachers, volunteers, and park staff have been involved in writing and field testing our initial series of Canalway Quests. Our plan is to create many more in the years ahead. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at 440-546-5992 or arrye_rosser@nps.gov.

Special thanks to Emily Bryant and Steven Glazer.

The Ohio & Erie Canalway celebrates the rails, trails, landscapes, towns, and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow.

**For more information and to get copies of other quests,
visit www.nps.gov/cuva and search for keyword "questing."**

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Historic photo of the Adams House.
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Canalway Quest

Top O' the World Quest

Explore the changing landscape on this challenging hike in Hampton Hills Metro Park.



*This quest was written by volunteers Joe and Leslie Derrig.
The map was created by volunteer Robert Nicholas.*

Planning Ahead

This treasure hunt takes about 105 minutes. The quest follows an unpaved trail with lots of stairs up and down steep slopes. Conditions can be slippery and muddy. Insect repellent, drinking water, sunglasses, and hiking shoes are recommended. You will need a pen or pencil to sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp and ink pad or marker.

Getting There

Start at the main entrance for Hampton Hills Metro Park, 2925 Akron Peninsula Road, north of Bath Road, Akron, Ohio 44313.

Clues

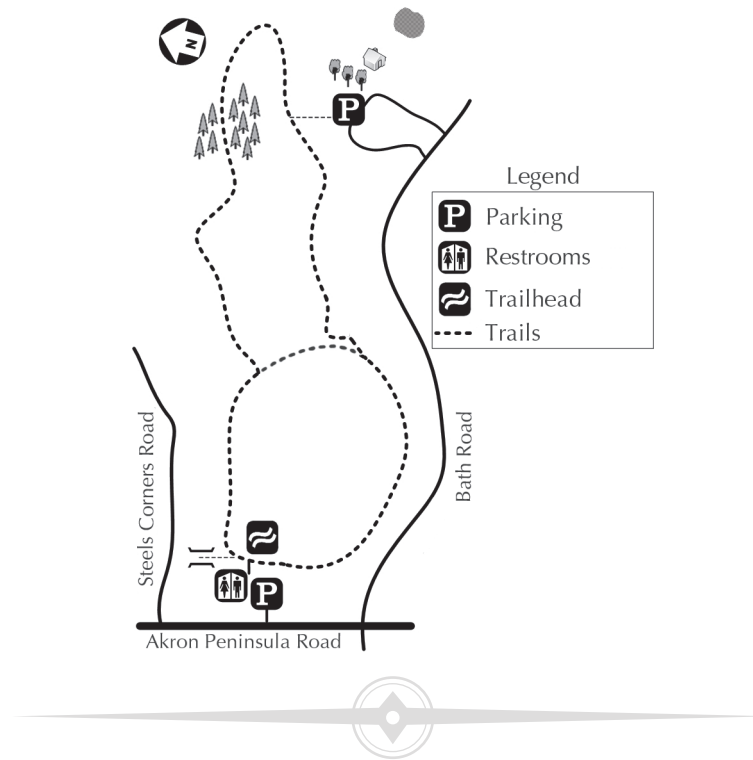
Look at the trail map on the kiosk display
To learn about the route you will quest today.

Left around the loop, on Adam Run you'll go.
Draw the trail symbol; the correct way it will show.
It points the way on markers you will see.
Go to the old bridge before continuing your journey.

The part of the trail by which you just strolled
Was called East River Road in days of old.
Before the 1930s, it was the main road
Where horse and buggy traffic flowed.
After a while, a new route, a new name—
Akron Peninsula Road it became.

From the bridge, turn around in an about-face.
Backtrack to the first path left—you've found the right place.

Count the bridges in the next half mile or so,
Crossing and recrossing water as you go.
Creek crossed the trail eight times before 2003,
But a flood made rerouting a necessity.
Erosion you will see to the left on a hill.
These unstable sediments are called glacial till.



The diversity of life is easy to overlook.
Try observing it without help from a guide book.
Pick a category of creature, fungus, or plant
And count the different types as you pant.
We'll provide suggestions along the way,
So stay alert and enjoy the day!

In springtime, along the creek, wildflowers abound,
And many different mushrooms can also be found.
There is so much to see down low and up high—
Insects on the ground and birds in the sky.
Is there wildlife about as you walk today?
Throughout the year, you can view quite an array.

Stay to the left when the trails split.
If you need a rest, on the bench you may sit.

Black walnuts, sycamores, oaks, and elms you can see.
Are you able to identify different types of trees?
Habitat provided by trees that thrive,
Help birds and other wildlife survive.
When a tree falls down and no longer grows,
Weather and tiny creatures help it decompose.

As you continue your walk up to the sky,
One hundred and ten steps you will go by.

After you climb to the top of the steps,
Look left for a bench to sit down and rest.
Amazing views of the ravine abound,
So take your time and look around.
As you continue, white pines will appear.
A sign tells when Girl Scouts planted them here.

Continue to climb up high and down low.
Soon is a change from forest to meadow.
Here, many butterflies and insects flutter.
Other animals are hidden in the grassy clutter.
Listen for different birds that may call out
And other meadow inhabitants along your route.

Looking up at the sky, what do you see?
Turkey vultures glide with wings up in a V.
Riding thermal winds, in the sky they dwell,
Searching for the dead with a keen sense of smell.
Hawks use their sharp eyes to find live prey,
Holding wings out straight or flapping away.
Continue passing through woods and open fields
'Til you reach the sign for Top O' the World, left to yield.

This area is where the old Adam farm did stand.
As you can see, it's located on beautiful land.
In the open fields, many plants grow and take seed—
Asters, Queen Anne's lace, milkwort, and ironweed.
Bluebird boxes you can see with a keen eye.
Are bluebirds hunting insects up in the sky?

Go left past the parking lot toward the barn that is red.
Your treasure box lies somewhere around this stead.

Between 1820 and 1850 this red barn was made.
Long after, in the summers, two people stayed.
Rhea and Reginald Adam, for whom the trail's named,
Decided in 1967 a donation to proclaim.
The gift of farm and 162 acres of land—hark—
Now comprises much of Hampton Hills Metropark!
Right around the back of the barn, look for a special stone.
Make sure no one sees—it's for your eyes alone!

